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SUBJ: RAJARATNAM'S TALKS WITH FRG FOREIGN MINISTER AND KOREAN
ITEM IN UNGA

REF: STATE 242323

1. I HAVE NO DOUBT THAT GOS FOREIGN MINISTER RAJARATNAM IS INDEED
CONCERNED ABOUT THE DIRECTION OF US POLICY IN SOUTHEAST ASIA AND
IS HOPEFUL THAT WE CAN BE INDUCED TO MAINTAIN AN ACTIVE POSTURE
IN THE AREA. THIS IS LINE WHICH ALSO HAS BEEN TAKEN BY PRIME
MINISTER LEE KUAN YEW. IN THIS RESPECT, ONE ARGUMENT WHICH MIGHT
BE PERSUASIVE IN HELPING TO SECURE GOS SUPPORT FOR US POSITION
ON KOREAN ITEM IN UNGA IS TO NOTE IN CONVERSATIONS WITH APPROPRIATE
GOS OFFICIALS THAT IT IS DIFFICULT TO ASSURE BACKING OF US CONGRESS
AND PEOPLE FOR AN ACTIVE US POLICY IN SEA IF ON ISSUES WE CONSIDER
VITAL OUR FRIENDS IN THE REGION CONSISTENTLY TAKE POSITIONS
CONTRADICTORY TO OUR OWN. KOREAN ITEM WOULD OF COURSE BE A CASE
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IN POINT.

2. IF DEPARTMENT CONSIDERS SUCH AN APPROACH ADVISABLE, I CAN
USE IT IN LOW-KEY WAY AS OPPORTUNITY PRESENTS. PERHAPS VARIATIONS
ON THIS THEME MIGHT BE USEFULLY EMPLOYED ELSEWHERE. HOLDRIDGE

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